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Dear Examiner Dawkins:

I am faxing this response to Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on 04/15/2004. Please call me if you have any further questions. I believe this submission fully responds to your Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on 04/15/2004.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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Sincerely,

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Response to Non-Compliant Amendment

Dear Legal Instruments Examiner Dawkins:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 15, 2004.

A clean set of the claims as amended, now including all of the claims that were canceled, is submitted on the following pages.